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IN REPLY PLEASE  
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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING FOR  
BIKEWAY AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF CASTAIC, FORREST PARK,  
RANCHO DOMINGUEZ, AND AVOCADO HEIGHTS AND IN THE CITY OF CARSON  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bikeway and bridge improvement projects at various locations in the unincorporated communities of Castaic, Forrest Park, Rancho Dominguez, and Avocado Heights and in the City of Carson that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 1, 2009, and to enter into the necessary Cooperative Work Agreement(s) with the State for this purpose.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bikeway and bridge improvement projects at various locations in the unincorporated communities of Castaic, Forrest Park, Rancho Dominguez, and Avocado Heights and in the City of Carson that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 1, 2009, and to enter into the necessary Cooperative Work Agreement(s) with the State for the extension of budget authority for these projects.

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**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for bikeway and bridge improvement projects at various locations in the unincorporated communities of Castaic, Forrest Park, Rancho Dominguez, and Avocado Heights and in the City of Carson, as detailed on the attached project list, that were previously funded with Federal funds but will not be completed by May 1, 2009, and to enter into the necessary Cooperative Work Agreement(s) with the State for this purpose.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to maximize Federal reimbursement for important transportation projects.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The projects for which we are requesting time extensions of budget authority have been included in prior and current years' Road Fund Budgets.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are now required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal- and State-funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the State's original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing Road Construction Program, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) actively seeks Federal grants to supplement County Road Funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in unincorporated County areas. These Federal funds are available through a variety of programs administrated by the State of California Department of Transportation. Due to the State's desire to improve management of funds, the California Department of Finance requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded, but will not be completed by May 1, 2009. As part of the request, the State requires your Board's approval indicating concurrence

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with the request. Following your Board's approval, the necessary extensions will be processed through a Cooperative Work Agreement(s) between the County and the State.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The environmental review of these projects was considered at the time your Board approved the resolutions of jurisdiction and/or the project plans and specifications and authorized Public Works to carry out the projects.

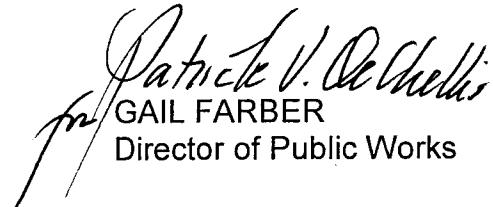
### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal funds for the projects on the attached project list.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return two adopted copies of this letter and two copies of the project list to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel

